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PARLIAMENT ADJOURNED

Parliament adjourned for the second time this week owing to lack of quorum, and will meet again on Tuesday. Deputy-President Ahmed Al-Amer, replying to Deputy Hissam Uddin Jum'a query about the application of the internal regulations against absent deputies, deplores this event, and calls on them to attend regularly to their duties, lest the Majlis would be compelled to apply the internal regulation. Article 9 of this regulation stipulates that any deputy absenting himself from parliament sessions or committee meetings for more than three times a month without a legal excuse, shall be deducted from his salary an amount equivalent to the number of days on which he was absent. (Al-Sha'b)

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Sada Al-Ahali referring to the reported call by HE Hussain Jamil for an Iraqi National Congress, says that HE has denied having made any statement recently on this subject. It adds that the plan for a national congress was discussed by the Leader of the National Democratic Party over one and one-half years ago, but that for some reason it could not be implemented. If HE then had touched upon this subject, he had only in mind the setting up of a body to work on specific objectives in the light of the All-Parties' Conference or the 'Save Palestine Committee' in which all the various Parties and bodies were represented. (Sada Al-Ahali)

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Al-Sha'b in a leader "Do your duty or Resign" refers to the recent adjournments of parliament meetings for lack of quorum. This has been received with great surprise and resentment by the people and even by the deputies themselves.

If a deputy who was sworn in, finds it inconvenient for him to attend to his duty because of ill-health or personal affairs or other reasons, it continues, it would be better for him to resign, due to the fact that it is not permissible for a deputy to enjoy parliamentary privileges and at the same time fail to discharge his duties. The paper concludes that this also applies to the conduct of and deputies

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and senior government officials who should decide between retaining their posts and looking after their own personal affairs. (Al-Sha'b)

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DEPARTURE OF HE NURI AS-SAID

HE Nuri As-Said, Prime Minister will leave this morning for Amman. HE may return to Baghdad before proceeding to Cairo to attend the ALPC meeting. (Al-Ittihad Ad-Dasturi)

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In its editorial, Al-Ittihad Ad-Dasturi reports that Liwa Al-Istiqlal recently attempted to mislead public opinion that HE the Prime Minister has plans aimed at concluding a new treaty or convincing Egypt for the conclusion of a new treaty with Britain... that HE is to proceed to London after the ALPC meeting in Cairo... and that the Higher Defense Council has decided recently the adherence of Iraq to the Western bloc.

Having consulted the views of HE the Prime Minister on this matter, the paper says that HE has categorically denied these reports and declared that his policy is clear without any ambiguity; that his government would only take a decision adopted by all the Arab States collectively; and that the Higher Defense Council did not discuss the question of adhering to the Western bloc. (Al-Ittihad Ad-Dasturi)

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Al-Istiqlal newspaper has been suspended for a period of one year. (Al-Umma)

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As-Sijil commenting on the 90,000 Jews who had applied for denationalization, brings to the attention of Arab governments in general and Iraq in particular the danger resulting from their stay in the country without any surveillance until the time of their departure. It emphasizes the fact that some of them hold very delicate government posts and says that one day these Jews will enrol in the Israeli army which would one day stab the Arabs in the back. It concludes by reminding the Arabs of the bad treatment accorded the Palestinians in Israel and urges that these Jews be deported to the Iraqi borders instead of sending them by plane to Israel as they should be treated like any foreigner who enters Iraq without a passport.

Al-Akhbar reports that a Royal Irada will be issued shortly for the creation of a Director General for this Board.

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